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Audit shows healthy funds management

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The City of Romulus will end the 2004-05 fiscal year with \$2.9 million in the bank, according annual audit results.

Representatives from Plante & Moran, long-time city auditors, presented their results to city council members and the public at a special session Monday night. Overall, the auditors said the city was in a good position financially because of its ability to bring development in to the city and prudent fiscal management.

"I would say the City of Romulus is in much better shape than some of the other municipalities we've seen," said Plante & Moran partner Frank Audia. "There's a lot of pain going around. But the sound manage-

ment of the finances in the city is apparent when you look at the numbers."

General fund expenditures reached \$19.2 million in 2005, which is slightly up from the previous year but is still within the accepted .9 percent increase for which auditors look.

Romulus - a city that is 50 percent covered by tax-capture designations, like the Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Finance Authority, is one of the most complex municipal structures found in city government today, Audia said. Those entities are tools that allow cities to capture some taxes for re-investment in specified areas, but many cities don't have level of development or the resources to make such a plan work, Audia said.

"Some municipalities just don't have the money to do these kinds of things, and it's get-

ting worse, not better," he said.

Because revenue sharing might be cut for 2005-06, the city might be able to draw on the savings amount to meet unforeseen expenses. Because only a small portion of the \$2.9 million is dedicated for specific purposes, auditors determined that about \$1.2 million could be used for existing expenditures, and another \$1.6 would be the city financial cushion.

The auditors did determine some areas where the city could improve the financial picture, however.

There was a 21 percent loss in the city water and sewer fund - which is a result of purchasing too much water from Detroit. Though it is normal to have a small water

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Alpha males

Merriman Elementary School sixth grade students learned a lot about achievement, meeting goals and choosing a career from three guest speakers from the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity last week. The speakers were invited to the school to give students - especially African American boys - a positive role model. Here, (left to right) Merriman teachers Simona Miller and Ruthanne Lhiva join Alphas Jay Prestage, a General Motors engineer; Dr. Reginald Grandison, an optometrist and Jay Bennett, a human resources manager at General Motors. Miller said her students learned a lot from the men. "I believe that they will now recognize all the hard work they will have to do in the future in order to become successful," she said.

City changes natural gas provider

Romulus City Council members agreed to change the city gas provider when they awarded a no-bid contract to a Clinton Township-based company Monday night.

Lakeshore Energy Services will provide services to all city buildings to save \$14,000 for three consecutive years. Though city officials were happy the administration found a way to reduce costs, some council members were concerned that there was not a bidding process attached to the proposal.

Councilman Harry Crout wanted to know why.

"If we wanted to do this, why

didn't we make sure we got the lowest price? We're here to serve the people who elected us, and I would like to see all of these sorts of things go out for bid."

But the time involved in soliciting bids - which is often three or more months - would work against the city if natural gas prices were to rise. Michigan rates have spiked more than 20 percent in the last year.

Councilman William Crova said he agreed with Crout about the importance of the bid process, but recognized the instability of the gas and oil market as well.

"I don't think it is something that we would normally do, but we

have to look at ways to save money."

The contract calls for a price of \$1.095 per cubic foot, according information provided by Lakeshore.

The contract will allow the city to lock in a price for the next three years and should be implemented as soon as possible to realize the maximum amount of savings, said Lynn Conway of the City of Romulus Purchasing Department.

"The information we obtained indicated that it would save money, and we looked at our current contract, we found out we could give notice (and enter into a new contract)," she said.

City gets one last reprieve from well

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's not over until it's over, according to officials in Romulus.

Even though U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds rejected a permanent injunction disallowing Bingham Farms-based Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) from operating a deep well site in Romulus, she has instituted a temporary injunction to allow parties not involved in the lawsuit to air their grievances about the project.

Neil Silver, an attorney retained by the City of Romulus, said he received a call this weekend that the judge issued the order, which expires this afternoon.

"This will allow anyone who is not a party of the lawsuit to give the court its point of view," he said at the Monday night city council meeting.

"Because the case is actually against the federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), other stakeholders will have a chance to respond."

The city and Wayne County - which joined the suit last week - will be able to share their views with the court, Silver said.

The latest injunction is the most recent development in what has shaped up to be a \$1 million, 15-year battle between EDS, the City of Romulus and other communities effected by the well.

But the lawsuit currently at

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Hot spot

County executive expects growth in western Wayne areas

Molly Tippen
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Further development of the tax base in western Wayne County and job creation are goals of County Executive Bob Ficano for 2006.

Ficano, who in November began his third year at the helm of the most populous county in the state after serving 20 years as sheriff, said that western Wayne County is a key component in the ability of southeast Michigan to thrive economically.

"There's so much potential in the western portion of the county for increased business development, and that's something we've placed an emphasis on, and we'll continue to do so throughout 2006," said Ficano. "It's in a perfect location, with access to free-ways and amenities. There are several businesses – particularly in manufacturing – that are in the western part of the county (and) there's a major airport, which means there could be untapped opportunities for job creation."

Working to stem the tide of unemployment in Wayne County, which in November of 2005 was measured a 8.1 percent – 1.4 percentage points higher than the state average of 6.7, according to Michigan Department of Labor statistics – is something Ficano

said occupies most of his time at his Randolph Street office in Detroit.

Creating new jobs – the kind that pay living wages and offer benefits – can be achieved by strengthening business development and investment in the western part of the county.

"I see the western part of the county as a regional business and commerce center – I don't want to say it will replace Detroit, and I don't think it will detract from the city," he said. "But we are actively looking at opportunities for the area because it's near the airport, there's facilities that can be utilized, and there's a skilled workforce. Businesses look for those things when they're searching for a place to conduct business."

Leaders from western Wayne – which comprises affluent suburbs like Livonia, Plymouth Northville, and Canton Township as well as older communities like Inkster, Romulus, and Dearborn Heights – have often complained that the resources of the county were spent in Detroit and it's easternmost portion under Ficano's predecessor, Edward McNamara.

But when Ficano looks at the western portion of the county, he sees a gold mine of opportunities for foreign investors.

"I took a trip to China recently,

and we spoke with several manufacturers and other companies that are interested in setting up shop here and doing business with us," he said. "We have a skilled workforce, a huge industrial base . . . it would be natural for them to set up shop here. Century Automotive is an example of that."

Ficano said he could not name the Chinese companies he's speaking with because talks are in a preliminary stage.

Chinese components maker Century Automotive is opening a 450,000 square foot research and development facility in Canton Township. Ficano signed the deal with the company in October 2005, and announced it to officials from China. The new facility will create 200 new jobs.

Even for Canton Township – a community with a business base that is constantly expanding – the new facility was quite a coup, and it's something older municipalities beset by vacant facilities are hoping to capitalize on.

To Inkster, which lost its biggest taxpayer when auto component maker Carron went bankrupt in 2000, the possibility of the county attracting new investment is tantalizing. There have few – if any – serious offers to locate a new company inside the Carron facility in five years.

Dr. LaTina Dawkins, the community development director for Inkster, said the city is seeking help from all sources to bring business viability and jobs back to the community.

"The county has been very helpful to us in that regard," she said last month. "We participate in many activities with them; we're in touch on almost a daily basis. The line of communication is always open. We welcome help from all sources."

Dawkins said she and many other officials from older suburbs meet with county economic development officials monthly to work out issues as part of a special effort to assist aging cities.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said his city got little attention from the county under McNamara aside from the Pinnacle industrial, retail and office development that county and city officials would like to see rise on 1,200-acre parcel of land in the future.

"I really think the communication level at the county is better now (under Ficano)," said Lambert. "We're finally getting some assistance. Sometimes, our calls would not be returned under the last administration. There are opportunities here, and I think (Ficano) sees that."

Ficano said he's not sure why

the prior administration did not communicate more with officials on the west side of the county.

"I can't speak for them," he said. "I can only speak about our efforts, and I think most of the folks over there will say we've been helpful."

After 10 years, the Pinnacle project will be moving forward, Ficano said. Infrastructure work begins on the first 150 acres this year. The development could bring thousands of badly-needed jobs to the county.

But Ficano acknowledges that the project – which was delayed by land acquisition activities – has taken too long to get off the ground.

"There were some unanticipated aspects of the development we inherited from the past administration, and we dealt with that the best we could," he said. "We have great hopes for the project, but it was a long time in coming."

Ficano said his administration is working hard to bring a better quality of life to citizens – despite having to work with less money and resources.

"Having a good job and living in a safe community is what we want to give residents, and the investment opportunities we're looking at are a big part of reaching that goal."



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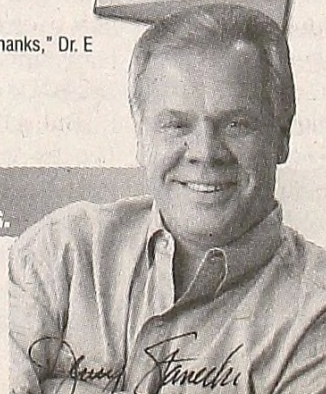
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City to use Taylor gun range for police training

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Police Department will continue to use the City of Taylor firing range for training exercises and required qualification tests for all of 2006.

Public Safety Director Charles Kirby asked the city council to renew the agreement so officers can maintain their current scheduled activities without interruption. According to the contract, Romulus officers can use the range for a \$200 per day of use.

Det. Lt. John Leacher said all 58 sworn officers employed by the city have to qualify to main-

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Det. Lt. John Leacher

tain their status as officers, though the state does not specify how often.

“In the department, we qualify semi-annually, and once a year at a minimum,” he said. “Those standards are in place because if its ever questioned, there could be some responsibility civilly. We also use that facility for ongoing

training, so it's a good agreement to have.”

Having a range closer – or having a city-owned range – might be easier for the officers, who have to be taken off a shift to complete the activities. But there are currently no plans to build one in the city.

“Of course it would be easier

for us, and we wouldn't have to pay those fees,” Leacher said. “But I haven't heard of anything like that, except for the one the county was talking about. And I haven't heard anything about that in quite a while. Because so many agencies use that facility, it can also be hard to schedule – you have to allow quite a bit of time.”

At one point, Wayne County officials were considering building a range near Romulus to accommodate training activities for the city police, Detroit Metropolitan Airport Police and some other agencies, but it's unclear what the status of that

venture is. Messages left at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office were not immediately returned.

Up until a few years ago, the Romulus Police conducted the same activities at an outdoor range on the grounds of the airport. But the range was closed after airport renovations interfered with operations. Most agencies then contacted Taylor, which has one of the largest indoor ranges in the state at 16300 Racho Road.

The agreement specifies that the City of Romulus must pay any liability costs and attorney fees for any legal claims resulting from the use of the facility.

News briefs

Superintendent search begins

School board members will discuss the qualities they would like to see in a superintendent of schools at 7 p.m. tonight at the Romulus High School Auditorium.

Joel Carr, the current superintendent, will officially retire in June, at the end of the school year, and the district needs to have someone in place by the beginning of the 2206-07 school year.

Representatives from the Michigan Association of School Boards – the organization the district hired to conduct the search – will be on hand.

The forum is designed to solicit public input regarding a new superintendent and the schools in general.

Romulus High School is located at 9650 Wayne Road.

Grieving residents offered support

Those suffering with the loss of a loved one are invited to attend “Griefshare” seminars at the Romulus Wesleyan Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Griefshare is a non-profit, national organization dedicated to giving people the tools they need to work their way through the grieving process. Seminars and support groups cover a variety of topics, from the stages of grief, when a family member dies, when a spouse dies, and helps people recover.

The church is located at 37300 Goddard Road in Romulus.

For more information, call the church at (734) 941-1511.

Mother-son dance scheduled

The Romulus Department of recreation will host the annual mother son dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Romulus High School cafeteria again this year.

At the dance, mothers and sons will be able to have a photograph taken, and each mother will receive a flower. Dancing, music and refreshments will be available.

The cost for the event is \$8 per couple, and an additional \$2 per son. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and only cash will be accepted. Pre-registration is required. Payment and registration must be made by noon Feb. 6.

For more information, call the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665.

Senior citizens enjoy new center

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Ruth Bierl is 81 years old, and she's been widowed for nearly 30 years.

Though she's close to her children and has many friends, she depends on the Romulus Senior Center to provide recreational activities, shopping trips and even an occasional doctor's appointment.

“I spend three or four days up here,” she said. “There's so many things to do, and I've met so many people up here. I have a great social life.”

That's why Bierl, and many of her friends, gathered with nearly 200 city officials and residents for the grand opening of the new and improved Romulus Senior Center, which officially opened last week. The day-to-day management of the center will be the responsibility of Linda Norman, the longtime director of senior services.

Mayor Alan Lambert, the driving force behind building the new senior center on Bibbins Road, said he considered the grand opening one of the highlights of his tenure as mayor.

The new center – which is about 20,000 square feet and boasts exercise rooms, conference areas, a full kitchen and cafeteria – was built after the one that used to occupy the site was torn down. Romulus Parks and Recreation Director Herb Buckley said the new center will allow his staff to



Mayor Alan Lambert, surrounded by Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, and City Councilmen William Wadsworth and William Crova, cuts the ribbon at the new Romulus Senior Center.

vastly improve and create programs seniors are interested in.

“This gives us so many more options,” he said. “We never had the space to do some of the things we wanted to do. There's a kiln for pottery classes, there's a huge exercise room. I'm very pleased with how this came out, and I think seniors will enjoy this center more.”

Financed using Downtown Development Authority (DDA) dollars, the \$6 million center is an atypical type of project for the DDA because revenue will support the programs. But DDA Chairwoman Maria Lambert said the center will benefit Romulus' elderly – and that's all that counts.

“We're talking about quality of

life issues for seniors, and anything we can do to give them more to look forward to is worthwhile,” she said.

Not many cities can afford to operate a dedicated senior center, Alan Lambert said. But what some consider a luxury is often a lifeline for seniors, especially if their children live far away or they've lost their spouse, said 89-year-old Alice Hudick, who plans card games and other activities at the center. She credits the mayor for pushing the project forward.

“The other mayors probably cared for the seniors, but they didn't necessarily show it,” she said. But (Alan Lambert) did care, and he showed it, and that made all of the difference to us.”

Well - Injunction may end battle

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issue – which was filed by Sunoco Oil and challenges the safety of the EDS project – is the last line of defense against the disposal company. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a permit allowing the well to operate.

Sunoco stores petroleum and other flammable materials on its site near where the 15-acre injection wells are located. The wells are located on Citrin Road near I-94 near Middlebelt Road.

Though city officials are hoping the courts will issue a permanent injunction, they concede that is unlikely because a series of rulings have favored EDS.

The deep well issue has also

caused a rift between the city and the state.

“We had a conversation with the governor's office after the permit was issued (but the MDEQ), and it wasn't a very friendly conversation,” Mayor Alan Lambert said after the meeting Monday. “We feel we've been betrayed.”

Council members voted Monday to express their opinions about the wells to each member of Congress in a letter.

The Citrin Road facility will treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day. The company's license indicates it can store 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks.

Most of the waste will be trucked in from Canada.

Audit - Leaner processes, more organization needed

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loss, auditors determined it was above average for the city. The city has located and corrected leaks in the system, but needs to better analyze capital improvements and the water rate structure, according to the audit.

Road repair distribution payments from the state are also declining. In June 2002, the city had \$1.2 million in the local street fund, but had only \$194,000 in 2005. The city may need to look for alternative funding for local road repairs for the foreseeable future, Audia said.

Long-term control considera-

tions also need to be updated to ensure fund disbursements get to where they need to go, Audia said. Auditors discovered the payroll department was not getting detailed time reports from part-time firefighters, and the city over-distributed tax dollars to departments by \$170,000 in 2004-05.

But putting a better, workable process in place could be difficult because of staffing, said Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey.

“I have one person out on medical leave right now, and that person may not be back soon,” she said. The treasurer's office employs four people, and another

seven work for the finance department.

Councilman Randy Gear said he believes the city might be able to hire additional help.

“It's important that we take care of this sooner rather than later, but I do understand the personnel situation,” he said. “We might be able to get some help in there.”

Save for a few glitches, city officials found the audit to be a blessing, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

“I think this shows we've been good at managing our money over the long haul, even when things are tough out there,” he said.

OPINION

Another step forward

Funding for education is always a topic for political rhetoric. It's a feel good thing to talk about, for one thing – everyone wants more for their children and it's difficult to find people who will advocate less money for our schools.

The reality of finding that additional funding is a different matter, though, as is coming up with ways to make funding equitable across the state in communities as diverse as we are ourselves.

Legislation proposed by State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) would take another step toward that process.

There's a lot to like about HB 4828, which would increase per-pupil funding for school districts that are performing well and are surrounded by school districts that receive a higher foundation allowance.

It's based on the situation in one of the districts in LaJoy's area, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, which receives \$7,200 per pupil, compared to \$7,571 in Wayne-Westland and \$7,390 in Van Buren.

For years, officials in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District have been forced to do more with less. They have had to provide a competitive, top-notch school district to help bolster the property values that have attracted people to western Wayne County for decades. They've done a remarkable job with it, too, saving money wherever they could while still providing a diverse educational experience that sends a majority of their students on to college – and well-prepared for that experience.

LaJoy touts the legislation as the start of fulfilling the promise of Proposal A, approved by voters in 1994 as a way to reduce the gap in school funding between the – for want of a better term – richer districts and those that didn't receive as much money.

What many people tend to forget – or don't realize – is that Proposal A took great steps toward that goal. That funding inequity is less now than it was before it was put into place. The downfall, however, is that the funding is tied to the economy rather than property values in the respective districts and the legislation hasn't been able to completely fill that gap.

In a perfect world, everyone would get the same funding to provide the same services to our students. Maybe that perfect world will eventually come to be. Until then, this legislation is another good step toward that goal.

What can we learn from Ford?

Bad news isn't easy to take, even if you know it's coming.

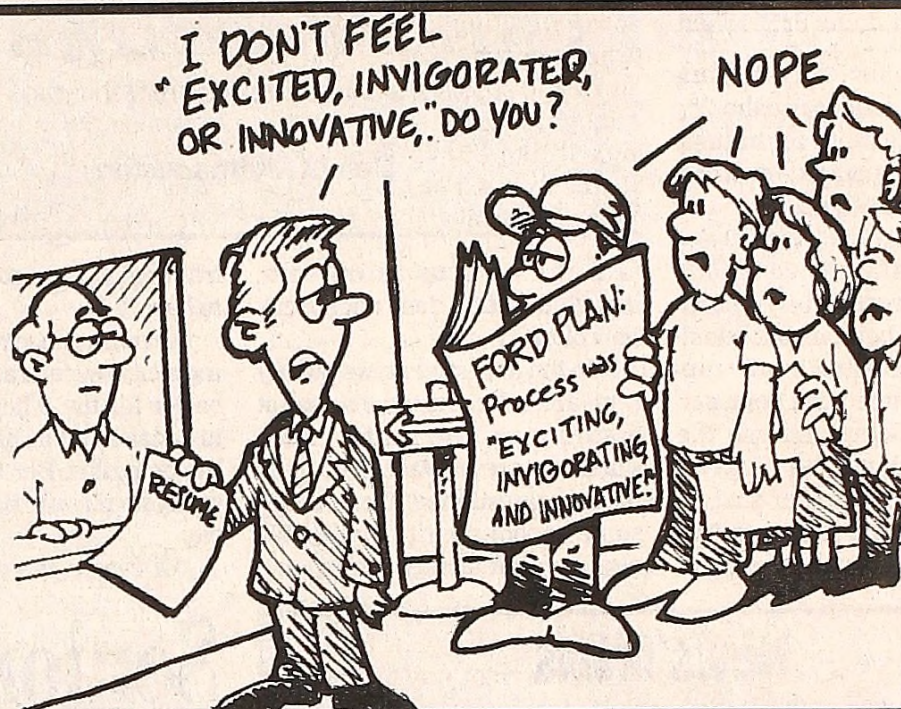
Communities throughout the State of Michigan – and the nation – held their collective breath and watched with a vague sense of dread the announcement from Ford Motor Co. Monday, when top officials outlined their Way Forward plan.

The drastic cuts announced – 30,000 employees to be laid off and 14 plants closed within the next six years – spared western Wayne County, for the most part and offered hope to workers at the Visteon Plant in Plymouth Township through a dedication to continue to support and use the parts supplier. The Ford plants in Wayne were spared, for now at least, although the press briefing on Monday could have some ominous tones for those concerned about the future of those facilities; the Ford Focus wasn't mentioned amidst all the clichés of bold, innovative new models and the Sport Utility Vehicle – at least as it exists today – may be a thing of the past.

Officials in municipalities everywhere should continue to watch this plan move forward, too, because it offers lessons for all of us.

These cuts were painful but necessary according to Ford officials, because the company had simply grown too large. They need to down-

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Looking through the eyeglass in reverse

I guess you can't please everyone.

Common sense will tell you that, but it's still strange to hear people complain about something that is only positive.

I'm talking about criticism the City of Wayne received Tuesday night about a proposal to improve Rotary Park II, which is off Chamberlain Street between Richard and John streets. It will be one of the beneficiaries of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It'll get \$20,000 worth of work, including swings for all ages, new signage, park benches and bike racks.

Cool, right?

Well, not for a couple of residents, who'd rather see the improvements near the Hickory Hollow co-operative. Jim Netter and Nancy Pride spoke up about that and other issues at the city council meeting last Tuesday.

And, well, I don't see the argument.

First of all, those who aren't familiar with the area they're talking about should take a look at it. It's on the east side of the city, and it's one of the largest green belts in town. It starts west of Hubbard Street and stretches almost to Hayes Street, which is about a block or so west of Merriman Road. It's probably half a mile long. There are playscapes scattered between swing sets, outdoor basketball courts, picnic shelters and barbecues, tennis courts and plenty of open space. It encompasses Angelo Demaria Park, Vandenberg Elementary School and Sue Win park that are contiguous.

Rotary Park II has something to climb on.

That's about the sum of its appeal, unless you want to go and sunbathe.

Kim Alexander, parks and recreation director for the City of Wayne, defended the expense by saying it's important to spread the money around. That's true, too. Last year, the CDBG funds were spent at Goudy Park, Washington Park and Mill Park Trail to shore up the paths along the Rouge River.

Let's not forget that there are fewer funds to go around this year than last year, either. That means some people are bound to be disappointed.

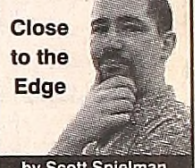
I've never subscribed to the 'What's in it for me' philosophy, though. I always thought that what was good for my neighbors was good for me, too. Improvements are improvements in my book and I look at everyone who lives in Wayne as neighbors, no matter if they live on the same street or across town. Perhaps my time living with modern-day hippies in the hills of Oregon has mellowed me out but in things like this I follow their attitude: It's all good.

Is the issue here that Wayne has so many parks that it'll take time to get around to improving them all? If so, there are a lot of municipalities out there that would envy that problem.

I say put the money where it's most needed and spread it around.

I can tell that it's needed there, too. My son,

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Lessons not learned in college class

Much airtime and ink has been given to the story of Jill Carroll, the *Christian Science Monitor* reporter who was abducted in Baghdad almost two weeks ago.

The fate of the 28-year-old Ann Arbor native has weighed heavily on my mind, as it has for several journalists here in Michigan and throughout the world.

As of this writing, it's unknown what happened to the foreign correspondent who has spent most of her career in the Middle East, but one thing is for sure: Hers is a case that clearly illustrates that committing to a career in newspapering or any other sort of mass media takes personal courage.

And there are not a lot of rewards for the risks, either.

I couldn't help but notice some comments on the Internet this week that were critical of the fact that Carroll did not travel to Iraq as an embedded journalist, meaning that she moved about without a U.S. military escort as she reported. Her kidnapping wouldn't have happened had she not chosen this, etc, etc.

But here's the thing most people don't realize. The point of being a foreign correspondent is to drop into areas without a net – to bring people sto-

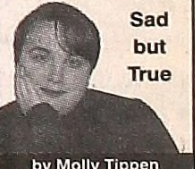
ries straight from place they happen. This in many ways is the only way to really know what's happening in the world; and to gain the unvarnished perspective of people living in dire situations. People ought to be thankful that anyone will do it, given that the work often pays low and can be dangerous.

Traveling with the military is another way of reporting, but there are limits. There's been a lot of criticism of "embedded journalism" because it's typically one-sided, and whoever's running the show will often pick a journalist friendly to their cause. But both independent correspondents and embedded journalists are necessary if you are trying to look at all angles of the war. People need to keep that in mind.

As a reporter, you have to often move outside of pre-conceived boundaries set by others. That doesn't make us popular, and it doesn't get us invited to parties or get us season tickets to Red Wings very often.

If we always followed the preferred methods of the powerful, we'd have no news, and the democra-

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Time to get out of the way of happiness

Dear Friend,

I had a wondrous dream and woke this morning feeling happy, even peaceful. Lying there, I realized how good I'd been feeling lately. In fact, as Larry David says on the HBO show, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, I've been feeling, "Pretty, pretty, pretty darn good."

The dream? Sure.

I found myself in a world directly below the world we live today. It's that close.

As I descended into this underworld, the first thing I noticed was the neighborhoods with nice houses, narrow streets, many of them dirt, and people—people everywhere, smiling, walking, visiting with each other, in no hurry.

A rattling noise caught my attention. It was a boy, a tow-

headed kid about 10, racing downhill. Chunks of dirt were flying everywhere as the boy did his best to steer a wood box-like wagon down the steep hill. It looked like the kid had taken boards from an old wood fence or barn and nailed them together then put baby buggy spoke wheels on it.

Smiling, watching the boy, his grin wider than a slice of watermelon, determination filled his eyes. And, do you know what? He didn't have a helmet on, no arm pads and no lawyers chasing after him. The kid was happy, simply enjoying the pleasure of unrestricted freedom. And, I, I was astonishingly feeling peaceful. I felt no anxiety, no fear.

What a great way to wake for the day.

The dream got me thinking about feelings—good, happy feelings. It made me wonder what you're feeling these days.

I raise the question because it's so easy in today's world to allow all of the demands, chaos, turmoil and negative news we're constantly bombarded with to affect our feelings. Even to the extent that, at times when we begin to experience good feelings, we also start feeling guilty about feeling good, or, worry about it, start to analyze it and, too often, end up sabotaging those good feelings.

Any of this hit home?

If so, maybe it's time to accept that you need not justify to anyone, especially yourself, feeling good, happy, joyous, peaceful and/or content.

Think it's time to accept that all of the constant outer noise does indeed little by little steal joy?

It's easy to forget who's in charge of you. Easy to give ourselves away, put our needs on the back burner, so others approve and like us.

I'm here to tell you, those self-defeating feeling and actions are "bovine residue".

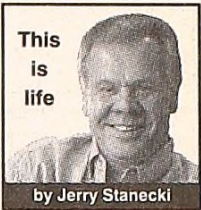
Allow nothing to stop you

from feeling good.

Take care,

Jerry

You can reach Jerry at www.jerrystanecki.com and or order his book "Life is a Joke and God Wrote It" at P.O. Box 121, Bloomfield Hills MI, 48301. Save \$4.50 on the book and pay only \$15 with coupon from the Journal.



Reporter

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cy we all enjoy would cease to exist as we know it. It's the same for local reporters as it is for national reporters, though what could be lost or gained varies significantly.

We've received threats at this office, and no one took them too seriously. But the vacant building attached to ours was set on fire in 2004, and I wondered – if only for a minute – if the match the arsonist lit was meant for us.

Since the war in Iraq began, 67 American and foreign journal-

ists have been killed, some by accident, others murdered, like *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl, who was abducted and killed in 2003.

An old professor of mine recently said in an interview that his job wasn't to make students love him.

It was his goal to toughen us up, to give us survival skills. For the most part, it worked.

But nothing in her training could possibly have prepared Carroll, or her family, for what has happened.

If Carroll's fate has not been determined by the time you read this, remember her in your prayers.

Reverse

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Henry, has different names for all of the parks we visit that don't match up with the city names. Goudy Park is The River Park; Civitans Park is The Fish Park, named after one of its climbing features; Attwood Park is The Wooden Park, based on the huge playscape there. He calls Rotary II, which is a couple of blocks in the other direction from my house, The Boring Park.

Yeah, he'll like the swings.

Lessons

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size and focus on the customers, rather than keep churning out more vehicles than they need, filling factories and lots rather than fulfilling the wants of the market.

There's a parallel for government, there. Most cities are currently in the beginning phase of their budget process, setting up goals and objectives meetings for the forthcoming year, as well as setting the seeds for future budget cycles. Officials in these same municipalities – and it applies to everyone, essentially – have also been decrying the need to provide the same services with fewer funds.

So, like Ford, they may want to ask themselves: what do our customers want?

Government spending tends to follow the same trend. It gets larger when the economy is good and doesn't always shrink when it gets bad. The underlying premise here is probably a good one – good government administrators and elected officials will always want to provide more for the residents – but you have to wonder if times like that are in the past.

Bill Ford, Jr, in his cliché-ridden speech on Monday, talked

about the fact that an adherence to the old way of doing business is akin to signing a death warrant for businesses today. He said Ford had concentrated on filling factories and producing cars, rather than on what the customers really wanted. He said the downsizing at Ford was a step toward a more agile company able to respond to market demands quicker with less bureaucracy.

We can't think of better advice for governmental officials. Stay small, stay attentive, stay responsive.

Now is a good time to begin – or the perfect time to continue – this trend, too, because even though the individual communities themselves have been spared on 'Blue Monday,' the residual effect will trickle down with a tremendous impact on the economy, in general. The economy in Michigan has essentially been on life support for the past few years, and this is just another fiddling with the proverbial plug.

Those waiting for an economic recovery may have a little longer to wait and that means more years with lean budgeting, looking at essential services and what residents want rather than filling desks that may not need to be filled.

Stay small, stay focused – it's the best way for governments to find their own way forward.

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THE SCENE

UNDERWORLD EVOLUTION

Werewolves vs. vampires proves surprisingly entertaining

Not too often does a sequel come along that surpasses the original.

Underworld: Evolution is that rare find—in the sense that it is actually better than its 2003 predecessor.

Evolution is an exciting fantasy action adventure successfully fusing two of the world's most mysterious and macabre creations—vampires and werewolves—into a single storyline.

There has always been a sense of wonderment surrounding the myth of these creatures. For some reason, despite the level of evil of the characters or the incompetence of some of the movies made about them, there is some romantic connection between the fabled species and audiences—be it the immortality and everlasting youth they symbolize or the sympathy evoked by the eternal curse with which they are forced to exist.

Evolution director Len Wiseman, who also earned a writing credit along with Danny McBride, does a great job showing audiences the tension between the two human-hybrid groups and the choices and sacrifices they made in order to survive.

According to the plots of the first *Underworld* and the new *Evolution*, both the Death Dealers (vampires) and the Lycans (werewolves) have hidden themselves for centuries deep within human culture. Their existence is no more than a whisper among the human race but to each other they are lifelong rivals waging a secret war until only one race is left standing.

It's not easy to pick sides between the aristocratic and sophisticated vampires and the barbaric and brutal werewolves. As the story unfolds it is revealed that both sides have not only done horrific things to each other but have also maliciously betrayed their own kind.

That is until Selene (Kate Beckinsale), a Death Dealer, emerges as the heroine after she learns of the lies about her past, becoming a vampire and the reasons for the war. Her only mission was to destroy Lycans but after the truth is revealed she is caught in the middle, defending herself and Michael (Scott Speedman), a Lycan hybrid, from both sides.

Evolution takes off exactly where *Underworld* landed. Selene and Michael are on the run from the Death Dealers coven after killing Viktor (Bill Nighy) one of the clan's eldest vampires. With Amelia (Zita Gorog), the third eldest vampire murdered by the Lycans and Viktor dead, only Marcus (Tony Curran)—the oldest and strongest of all the vampires—remains.

He's awakened after centuries of sleep and is not happy to find his house in a state of unrest.

While Selene and Michael make their escape and try to unlock the secrets of their bloodlines while unsuccessfully resisting their forbidden love for each other, Marcus is in hot pursuit.

Michael, unknowingly, possesses the key to Marcus' brother William's—the mightiest of all werewolves—vault and Selene is the only one who has seen the where the tomb is.

Selene and Michael's quest to deny the brotherly reunion leads them to the ship of Alexander Corvinus (Derek Jacobi), the "father of them all," who refuses to take part in destroying his two sons.

There is rarely a slow moment during the entire film, so make sure you hit the rest room beforehand.

The sequel is labeled *Evolution* with good reason. The special effects have 'evolved' greatly between the two episodes. The werewolves no longer look like the giant rubber eraser tops found on the ends of fifth-graders' pencils—as they did in *Underworld*—and the fight scenes are crisper and flow much better. There is more gore and some unnecessary nudity in *Evolution*, but it's neither offensive nor sickening like some other recent releases.

Underworld: Evolution is far from being a great film in most peoples' eyes, including mine, but it does make for good entertainment.

Last Holiday: Message is subtle and film is fun

After months of writing reviews of primarily dull, derivative, or just plain bad movies, I have lately begun to conclude that Hollywood is simply producing nothing worth watching. But *Last Holiday*, starring Queen Latifah, proved me wrong.

Theoretically, the film shouldn't be different from any of the others focused on people who realign their values to live a better life. Georgia Byrd (Latifah) is a good woman—modest, a hard worker, a peacekeeper, and member of the church choir. Yet despite her efforts to live an honorable and virtuous existence, there's something missing. She's perpetually single and can't seem to catch the eye of the man of her dreams, Sean Matthews (LL Cool J). She's a gourmet-level chef yet won't eat her own cooking—too many calories. In her efforts to be self-effacing, she makes a perfect doormat for more overbearing people.

Then everything changes. Georgia is diagnosed with a fatal illness and given only a few weeks to live. It was a situation enough to make her question her faith. Ultimately, Georgia

decides if she's going to die, she's going live first. She cashes out her savings account and sets out on a trek to realize her dreams—from traveling to meeting her favorite chef. From a lifetime as a homebody she instantly transforms into someone who lives life in the fast lane. On the surface, her life seems to change rapidly—



but it's only an illusion. Inside, her core values haven't changed, but the way she expresses them have. Her altered outlook and 'live for today' attitude make her noticeable—primarily because she is the only person in her new high society world with both the money to be noticed and the honest, forthright nature needed to

force people to re-examine their own lives and face the often unpalatable truths of what they see. Not a new concept for a film, certainly, but somehow Latifah makes it work—and work well.

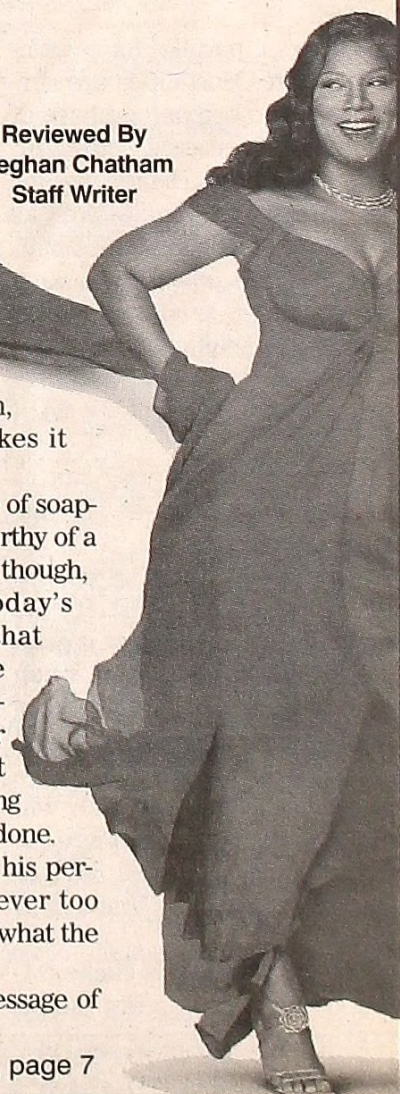
While the film could err on the side of soap-box-style rants or preachy speeches worthy of a pulpit, it seldom does. Most of the time, though, it is that rare commodity from today's Hollywood: a truly funny comedy that derives its humor from recognizable human foibles rather than from adolescent jokes, sex, or mocking a particular segment of society. Queen Latifah is at her best in this film; her comedic timing is perfect and scenes are seldom overdone. Though LL Cool J has a smaller role, his performance is equally as amazing—never too much, never too little, and always just what the film needs.

On the rare occasions when the message of

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THE SCENE

Midlife Crisis on stage Saturday

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

A midlife crisis is never funny. Unless, of course, you aren't the person having it.

"I didn't think I had one, but I probably did," said Brad Upton, one of four comedians appearing at the Village Theater Saturday night in the "Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour."

"Two years ago I bought a 1953 Cadillac so that probably qualifies," Upton said. "It's a beautiful car—no seat belts, five ashtrays. That's an American automobile."

Upton co-headlines with comedy circuit veterans Cathy Ladman, Jim Brogan and Buzz Nutley, who organized the show.

"I worked with Buzz just over a year ago at a very nice club in Erie," said Upton, "and he told me about the idea and I told him it sounded like a great idea and I'd be happy to take part if he felt I was worthy."

"Buzz rounded up the rest of us and brought us all together. We did some shows last spring and I got very enthusiastic because not only is the idea great, the product is great. This is an excellent show."

Upton said despite the tour



Cathy Ladman



Brad Upton

name, the shows have broad appeal. Each comic does a 20-minute set which can relate to all adults.

"We talk about our families, our parents, et cetera," he said. "Things that make us who we are."

"It's called 'Midlife Crisis' and we want to make sure we do that material. But what I think is very noteworthy is that this would be a great show for anyone over 18."

This is the first theater that the group has booked, after playing to a series of comedy clubs across the country last year. Upton said more theaters are to follow.

"We've all played a number of

big venues and theaters in different situations, but this is the first time as a group," he said. "In fact, it's only going to make this a better show."

All the comics have been on the stand-up circuit for a long time. Ladman has filmed her own *HBO One Night Stand* special; Brogan has appeared on several late-night shows including *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno; Nutley has appeared at shows with Jon Stewart and Louis Anderson; and Upton has headlined shows at the Improv and opened for Tim Allen and the late Rodney Dangerfield.

"There's over 90 years of

stand-up experience between us," said Upton.

"We'd be thrilled if this became the new Blue Collar Comedy Tour," he added, referencing the wildly successful Jeff Foxworthy production which spawned two movies and a sketch-comedy television series.

"There's a lot more people in our demographic than theirs," Upton said.

A lot more people, that is, who want to laugh at the struggles of getting old before they're ready.

A lot of people, maybe, who don't realize its happening until they're driving along in that '53 Cadillac.

"I suppose the car is sort of like a mistress," Upton opines. "You wish you could spend more time with her, you buy her things to make her feel pretty, you don't want the wife to know where all that money is going."

The Mid Life Crisis Comedy Tour features adult subject matter. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township. Tickets are \$30. For more about the comics, visit www.midlifecrisiscomedy.com.

Holiday

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the film overpowers the comedy, the film still manages to avoid the stilted, tent revival feeling that some movies, such as *Stepmom*, fall into.

On the whole, the worst I can say about the film is that on occasion it does lapse into a Frank Capra-style monologue as the 'every man' character, Georgia, explains the dangers of their selfish living to the nation's elite—and to be compared to Capra (*It's a Wonderful Life*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*) is hardly an insult.

Overall, *Last Holiday* is an excellent addition to the movie scene—particularly for those tired of 'comedies' featuring solely adolescent humor. The film is rated PG-13 for some mild sexual references and features a running time of about 111 minutes.

Coming attractions

Orchestra continues anniversary celebration

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present the fourth concert of the 60th Anniversary season, and will feature selections by Beethoven.

The concert will take place at 8 pm on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are free to all subscription concerts, and groups of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount.

For more information on the

"Diamond Jubilee" season, visit www.plymouthsymphony.org. To purchase tickets, contact the Plymouth Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112, or order by fax at (734) 451-3458, by email at info@plymouthsymphony.org, or in person at 470 Forest Ave., Suite 18 in Plymouth.

Acting troop holds auditions for play

Spotlight Players has scheduled auditions for their play, entitled, "Anything Goes."

Registration and auditions begin at

6:30 p.m. and will be on Monday, Feb. 27 and Tuesday, Feb. 28, at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton

Interested thespians are asked to bring a nonrefundable photo and resume. They should also be prepared to sing 16 bars from a selection of their choice. They may be asked to sing something from the show, and will be taught a dance routine.

For more information, log onto

www.spotlightplayers.com.

Coffee shop hosts open mic night

The Plymouth Coffee Bean will host "Monday Nights in the Orange Room," a music and spoken word open-mic time.

Open mic night runs from 8-11 p.m. on Mondays. Sign-up can be done via e-mail at Beanopenmic@hotmail.com or in person. For more information, call (734) 454-0178.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V-125-83-079-03-0036-000; also known as 48991 Paloma Drive. This property is located on the south side of Paloma Drive; between Vista Drive and Sonrisa Street.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicants, Kevin & Lori Werner, are requesting a variance from the 25-foot rear yard setback to construct an attached deck.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE IV SECTION 4.14.C(3)(b).

25-foot rear yard setback required
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6-foot variance requested

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Wayne health center to be renovated, reopened

Scott Spielman
Staff Writer

Lyndon Johnson said he knows he has some challenges ahead of him.

Johnson, hired in December as the new top administrator at the Tendercare health facility in Wayne, is tasked with overseeing the renovation and reopening one of the buildings on the campus off Venoy Road. It has been closed since snow caused the roof to collapse there about a year ago.

"It's going to be quite a challenge," he said. "We've merged into one building, and now we will be splitting up again. It'll affect a whole gamut of people."

He's the right man for the job, though, because he's very familiar with the nursing home and senior care facility. It was a previous stop during his 23-year career in the field. He was hired in 1992 to oversee the conversion from a facility that

served clients with mental illness to a traditional nursing home.

"It's neat to see what it's like now, compared to what I planned when I started it," he said. "It's what I wanted to see."

Johnson went through a conversion of his own before he entered the administrative end of the health care business. He was studying to become an electrical engineer when he decided it wasn't the right career path for him. He switched and worked for a car dealership, but that didn't seem right, either.

"There was no career potential there," he said.

Then he heard about an American college professor who was experimenting with a series of tests on incarcerated people in Poland. The battery of tests was designed to help people figure out what type of employment they were suited for, and it had an 85 percent success rate. He decided to take

them at Lake Superior State College, where the professor was based.

The first series told him he'd be suited for a career in sales, but he didn't think so.

"I never saw myself as a salesman," he said. "I didn't like it. So I kept taking the tests."

The next three areas were nursing, social services and management, according to Johnson. That caused him to set his sights on a career in health facilities administration.

"It kind of tied all those things together," he said.

He took his first position in 1983 and hasn't looked back.

Since then he's worked in about every area of the field, he said. That's particularly true at the Wayne Tendercare Campus — he was trained in every position there.

He said he's looking forward to his renewed role with the facility, too, as he guides the



Lyndon Johnson is the new administrator at the Tendercare campus in Wayne. He said the renovated wing will be open up later this year, possibly in the summer.

facility toward current trends in the industry, which include more rehabilitation therapy and specialized care.

It's safe to say that that battery of tests helped point him in

the right direction, too.

"It's been a good career for me," he said. "It's exciting and challenging because it's always changing. There's always something new going on."

Wayne Memorial High School Distinguished Alumni nominees are sought

Scott Spielman
Staff Writer

Officials at Wayne Memorial High School are looking for a few good graduates.

The high school will continue the tradition of awarding a Distinguished Alumni medal to a graduate at the commencement

"We've had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial."

Principal John Albrecht

ceremonies on June 3.

"We've had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Principal John

Albrecht. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international

level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

The hardest part is tracking down distinguished alumni who have made their mark since graduation, he said. That's why the staff at Wayne Memorial is seeking help from the communi-

ty. A Distinguished Alumni committee has been established to decide the recipient for 2006. Nominations are due by Feb. 15 and a winner will be announced in May, Albrecht said.

Anyone who wants to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate should call Mary Huber at the high school at (734) 419-2206.

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Obituaries

HUNT, Patrick

Patrick Douglas Hunt, 56, of Van Buren Township, died Dec. 15.

Among his survivors are his wife, Susan K. Hunt; siblings, Nancy (Jack) O'Connell of Sterling Heights, James (Ruthann) Hunt of Lapeer and Brad (Annette) Hunt of Metamora, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hunt was a member of First United Methodist Church in Belleville where Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiated at funeral services for him.

He was a member of the Canton Lions Club, the Michigan Embalmers Society and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association.

Mr. Hunt served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict.

Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

PILISKO, Helen

Helen Pilisko, 85, of Belleville, formerly a 60-year resident of Midland, died Dec. 16.

Among her survivors are her husband, Walter S. Pilisko; children, Diane Piliso of Belleville and Walter J. (Sherry) Pilisko of Texas; a brother, William (Dorothy) Malinchok of Osteo, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Pilisko was a riveter during World War II and is honored at a California museum. She worked for many years as an operating room nurse at Midland Hospital before her retirement.

Graveside services were at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Local arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

DORSCH, Agnes

Agnes T. Dorsch, 85, of Belleville, died Dec. 18.

Among her survivors are her husband of more than 27 years, Gerald J. Dorsch; a son, Dennis Mogoar of Belleville; a family friend, Julio Melendez Jr. of Ypsilanti; several nieces and nephews, and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Dorsch was a retired UAW member and committee member.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Cremation rites were accorded.

SKOLNIK, Mary

Mary Frances Skolnik, 71, a 35-year-resident of Belleville, died Dec. 20.

Among her survivors are her husband, Joseph Skolnik; children, John (Sharon) Weipert of Belleville, Pamela (Dave) Parmelee, also of Belleville and Ann (Dexter) Craiger of

Ypsilanti; a brother, William (Pat) Gilmour of Florida; a sister, Margaret (Jack) Day of Maryland, and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Skolnik was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Father Thomas H. Cusick celebrated a funeral mass for her.

She was a letter carrier in Dearborn for the United States Postal Service for more than 12 years, prior to her retirement.

Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

ROBINSON, Paulette

Paulette Robinson, 84, of Trenton, formerly of Romulus, died Dec. 18.

Among her survivors are her husband, Harry Robinson of Trenton; a daughter, Pennie (Duane) Brantley of Canton Township; sons, James E. (Lynn) Robinson of Wayne and Rodney D. Robinson of Inkster; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of the Smart Women Investors Club and worked to organize grandparents' rights.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor James Ayler officiating.

Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

Senior chore program approved

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials have added a new city maintenance-chore program to be paid for with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

At a public hearing and city council meeting last week for the planned 2006-2007 allowance, the idea to add a new maintenance-chore service and fund it with \$10,000 from the senior transportation category was proposed and later approved by councilmembers.

Councilmember William Creamean said the program would be applied to seniors and disabled citizens who could receive services like snow shoveling, leaf removal and other outdoor maintenance repairs.

"It's a need that's out there and that's what this grant is all about," he said.

The program will be operated 'experimentally' and developed in the meantime, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

"I don't know if the demand is there and if there will be enough funds, so that's why I recommend testing it to start,"

said Walters.

"We'll have to screen requests, too, because county wise, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money is for seniors and handicapped citizens only," said Mayor Tom Fielder.

Belleville is a single census tract without a low-moderate income area. Therefore, the city is limited to CDBG—a program funded by the federal government and HUD—projects and services, which include senior citizens or disabled persons, direct benefits to individual low-moderate income residents and general planning purposes.

For Belleville, past funds have gone toward the September Days Senior Center, senior transportation, the master plan update and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) improvements.

This year, funds will go toward senior and disabled program services including the September Days Senior Center, senior transportation and the new maintenance-chore service. In total, the city could receive \$57,000 from the county program.

Belleville will now submit an application of amount and uses to Wayne County.

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SPORTS

Northville basketball, one of few undefeated Class A teams

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There are 188 Class A high schools in the state of Michigan and only eight basketball teams from those, are undefeated, as of Monday night. Northville is one of them.

On Friday night the 'Stangs (9-0), in their first home game in more than a month, defeated the John Glenn Rockets (2-7), 75-37, to remain the only undefeated team in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA).

The 38-point margin was the most lopsided victory of the season for the Mustangs, topping last Tuesday's 37-point spread against Walled Lake Northern.

Northville had 11 different players score in the contest against Glenn.

The Rockets took an early three-point lead but Northville smothered them with their trademark full-court press. The pressure wreaked havoc on Glenn's offense, causing turnovers. Northville took advantage and scored 10 unanswered points off three consecutive inbound steals in a 20-second span, starting at the 6:45 mark of the first quarter.

The plan was simple the rest of the way: steal the ball, pass to senior center Doug Hasse and score.

Northville nabbed the ball five more times in the period alone, led by the junior co-captain Alvin Storrs and senior co-captain Chris Lorente. Hasse scored all 12 of his points in the first quarter, helping Northville to a 30-14

first-quarter advantage. "(Doug) Hasse is a huge contributor to the team," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "He's a tall kid who can run the floor good and it makes it hard for teams to match up against him."

"We have 13 kids and they all contribute in different ways," he added. "All of them know what their roles are and they all do what they have to for us to win. It's a nice thing to see right now."

Mustang seniors Brandon Barkoski and Nick Kaldis continued the pressure in the second quarter as the Mustangs extended their lead.

With 1:45 remaining in the second quarter, Northville sophomore Mike Rogers grabbed a defensive rebound and hit teammate junior Andrew Manor with a full-court pass. Manor laid it up for two points and drew the foul. He converted the free throw to make it 46-21. The half ended with Northville in the lead, 48-23.

Northville slowed the tempo in the second half with more of a ball-control game plan. At the end of three the 'Stangs were up, 63-31, and outscored the Rockets, 14-6, in the final round for the victory.

"It's extremely difficult to go undefeated in Class A," Schumacher said. "We like where we're at. We're playing good defense, hustling and sharing the ball well. We just want to keep doing that. As long as we keep playing the way we have been, win or lose, I'll be proud of these guys."

Storrs led all scorers with 16 points. Lorente added 11

and senior Steve Clark, eight. The Rockets played with a short bench, dressing only eight for the contest. Junior Robert Jones led the Glenn squad with 10 points.

Northville 77, Northern 40
The closest the Walled Lake Northern Knights ever got to the Mustangs during Northville's 77-40 victory last Tuesday was an early first-quarter 9-9 tie.

Northville squeaked out a 17-15 lead after the first frame and used a combination of stout defense and speedy offense to build a 36-17 advantage by half-time. They expanded their lead by 24 (56-32) at the end of three and put the game away in the fourth with a 37-point margin, 77-40.

"We played probably as well as we could have played," Schumacher said. "The guys responded to the pressure and executed well on both sides of the ball. It was probably the best we could have played."

Hasse led Northville with a career-high 20 points. Storrs added 17 and Lorente 15.

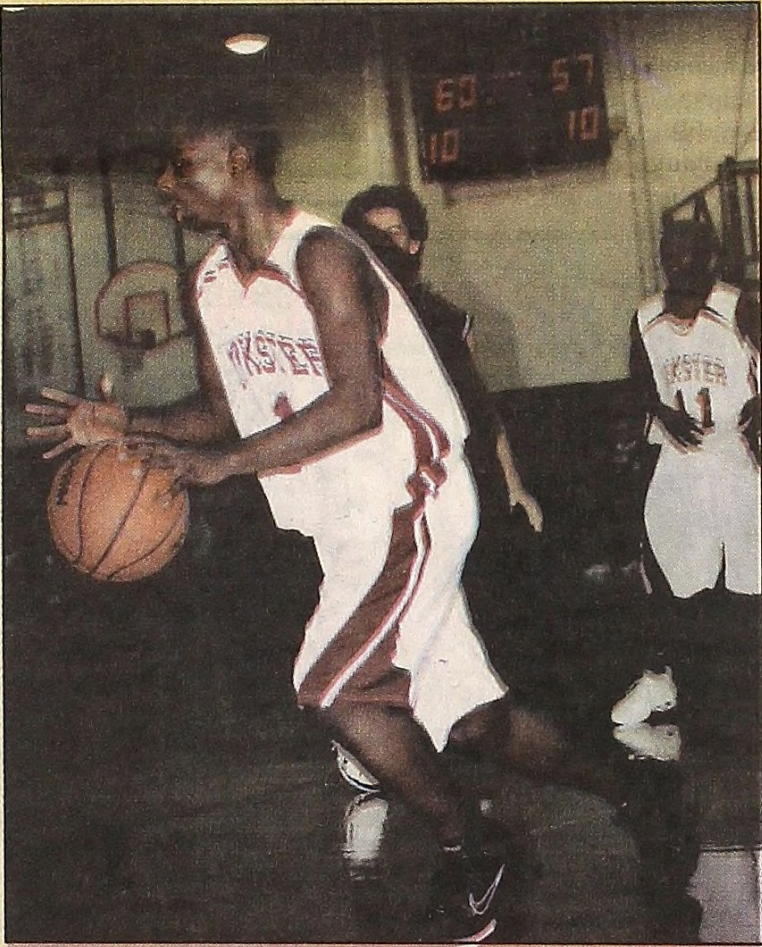
Alex Ropek, Nick Bortz and Ryan Bahnmler scored nine points each for Northern.

Call to action
Northville will host Livonia Stevenson (5-4) at 7 p.m. on Friday and Livonia Franklin (5-3) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Later, they host Canton (6-3) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Their last really big home contest will be at 7 p.m.

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Inkster hangs on against Woodhaven

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



Inkster senior guard DeMarko Williams helps the Vikings get back in the game against Woodhaven last Friday. Inkster pulled out a 68-65 victory.

It was a struggle from the start, but the Inkster hoopsters held on for a 68-65 victory against Mega foe Woodhaven on Friday.

The Vikings trailed by as many as nine points at one point in the third. They trailed by two at the end of each of the first three quarters.

It wasn't until late in the fourth that Inkster established itself as the winner-to-be. It was senior Felix Kizer, in his first game off the bench this season, who got the job done for Inkster.

He scored six of his 11 points in the fourth quarter. He started Inkster on an 11-3 run with a triple that gave his team a one-point advantage, 58-57. The Vikes never trailed again. Kizer followed with a layup for five unanswered points.

Then teammate senior forward Jonathan Brown hit for two and junior guard JJ Snelling hit two from the charity stripe to put Inkster up, 64-57, with about 1:11 left in the game. Woodhaven countered with a three-point play from Willie Brown, making it a four-point game, 64-60, but Inkster sophomore Antonio Green added two, making it a 66-60 contest. Kizer finished Inkster's scor-

ing when he split a pair from the line for a 68-62 lead. Woodhaven's Josh Satterfield nailed a triple with 11 seconds left for a final score of 68-65.

The entire audience was on its feet for the final seconds of the game, including Inkster coach Gerald Paschal, when Woodhaven had one possession left.

"My heart was beating so fast," Paschal said, "but I was really confident the whole time that if my boys would just settle down we would be all right. We needed a game like this. We took this team lightly and they have to learn that they can't take anyone lightly - especially

in a division game. So we needed this type of game and I'm glad they gave it to us."

Inkster took an early 6-0 lead but Woodhaven battled back and knotted things up at six with less than four minutes left in the first quarter. The teams traded shots the rest of the way but it was Woodhaven who came out of the frame with a 14-12 lead.

It was nip and tuck through the second quarter. Willie Brown scored eight of his game-leading 30 points in the quarter for Woodhaven. It was a good enough effort to help the

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Truman no match for Belleville Tigers

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers extended their win streak on the hardwood to four with a 60-50 victory against Taylor Truman on Friday.

Share and share alike was the strategy that earned the victory for Belleville.

After Truman kept up with the Tigers in the first quarter that ended in a 14-14 tie, Belleville started moving the ball better and outscored the Cougars, 24-14, in the second. They took a 38-28 lead into the locker room and never looked back again.

Belleville hit 10-for-15 in the second. Four of the shots were from three-point land—two from senior guard Carlos Clark and one each from junior guard Marius Williams and senior forward Leon Freeman. Freeman's was

a 27-footer at the end of the half. Belleville also had six assists from different players in the quarter.

"The second quarter really opened it up for us," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We're sharing the ball well right now. We're moving the ball, getting good penetration and then dishing it out. It's a good team effort on everyone's part."

The second half was pretty even. Truman outscored Belleville, 11-9, in the third, cutting into their lead, 47-39.

In the final frame, the Tigers hit six free throws in the final minutes to help get them back to a 10-point lead where they finished off the Cougars, 60-50. Belleville was 10-for-14 from the line, in the game.

Freeman led all scorers with 34 points. He finished with 12 rebounds for a double-double.

Many Division 1 colleges have their eyes on Freeman, who leads the team in scoring. Big Ten teams like Michigan State, Illinois and Perdue have expressed interest, according to Krogel.

They look for good reason. Freeman has scored 30-plus points in several outings this season. He had a 44-point game early on.

Clark also had a good outing against Truman, knocking down 11. Williams finished with eight while senior forward

Mike Donaldson nabbed six rebounds along with his three points. Senior center Mike Gibson grabbed five rebounds and scored two.

Belleville has their work cut out fore them this week. They hosted a tough Dearborn Heights Robichaud—ranked 10th in the state of Michigan in Class B—on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. On Friday they head to Eastern Michigan University for a showdown with an undefeated Ypsilanti team.

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SPORTS

Improved Windsor tops Whalers, 2-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Some teams find it within themselves to improve as the long season progresses.

One of those teams is the Windsor Spitfires and they showed Plymouth just how much they improved on Saturday by way of a 2-1 victory over the Whalers at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Goaltenders on both sides of the ice were the clear stars of the night. Windsor goaltender Anthony Guadagnolo recorded 39 saves to capture first-star honors while Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters was nearly as good, stopping 38 of 40 Windsor shots as the game's second star.

There were 24 shots—Windsor, 10, and Plymouth, 14—fired in the first period but neither goalie let one slide by, keeping the game knotted at zero.

After the scoreless first period, Windsor got second-period goals from Bryan Bickell—his 31st of the year—at 2:24 and the game-winner from Brad Snetsinger on a power play at about the 13:30 mark. Cal O'Reilly, Peter Aston and Ryan Garlock notched assists on the goals. Guadagnolo again stopped all 14 Plymouth attempts.

Plymouth had their best period in the third, shelling out 15 shots, but Guadagnolo remained

stalwart between the pipes and stopped 14 of them. Plymouth's lone goal came from newcomer Joe McCann at 5:50 of the third period. Mike Letizia and John Vigilante were credited with the assists on the play.

Plymouth won their first three meetings with Windsor but has lost the last two. Windsor, who has won eight of its last 10, will have the opportunity to even the series when they meet up with the Whalers again at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Feb. 9 in Windsor. And to win bragging rights for the rivalry, the two teams will meet for the final time in the regular season at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 4 at Compuware.

In spite of the loss, Plymouth (23-18-1-3) remains in first place in the division—two points ahead of nearest competitor, Saginaw.

Plymouth will battle it out for first place in the West with two inter-division opponents. The Whalers head to second-place Saginaw at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Then they return home to host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds at 7:30 pm on Friday and a rematch with Saginaw at 7:30 pm on Saturday.

Plymouth 2, Guelph 4

Guelph Storm right wing Ryan Callahan has a history of playing well against the Plymouth Whalers. Coming into Friday night's game against the Whalers, Callahan scored 9 goals with 5

assists for 14 points in 18 games in his career against Plymouth.

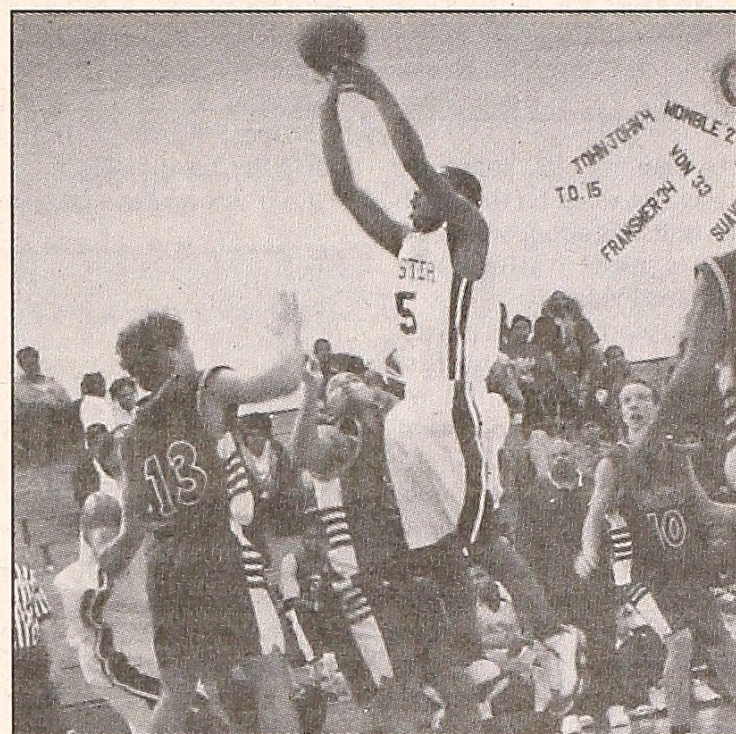
Callahan continued his good work against the Whalers Friday night at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre. He scored twice, including the game-winning goal and the insurance tally, in Guelph's 4-2 victory over the Whalers. Callahan's pair gives him a team-leading 29 goals on the season. Matt D'Agostini and Shawn Haviland scored the other Storm goals.

Tom Sestito and Chris Terry scored for the Whalers.

Guelph built 3-0 lead in the second period and never looked back. D'Agostini got things rolling with the only tally of the first period at 6:22. The Storm took a 2-0 lead with shots by Haviland (2:09) and Callahan (4:31) in the second period.

Plymouth cut the Guelph lead to 3-1 at 16:44 of the second period with Sestito's goal. Plymouth worked their way closer 59 seconds into the third period when Chris Terry flung one by Guelph goalie Ryan MacDonald. Vigilante and Sestito helped on the goal. That made it 3-2.

Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci pulled Peters with 53 seconds left for the extra attacker with a face-off in the Guelph zone but Callahan broke up the play at his own blue line, carried the puck through center ice and scored on the empty net.



Inkster senior Felix Kizer knocks down a shot to put the Vikings up for good in the fourth quarter.

Vikings

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Warriors maintain a two-point lead, 28-26, at the end of the half.

Not much changed in the second half. Both teams put forth another equal effort, scoring 14 points each in the third period. Woodhaven went up by nine, 39-30, but Inkster went on a 10-3 run to stay in it. The Warriors still led the Vikings, 40-42.

Kizer and his teammates

put it together in the final quarter.

"It came down to good coaching and just taking the shots," Kizer said. "It was confidence that got it. On defense coach just told us 'do what you do' and we got it done."

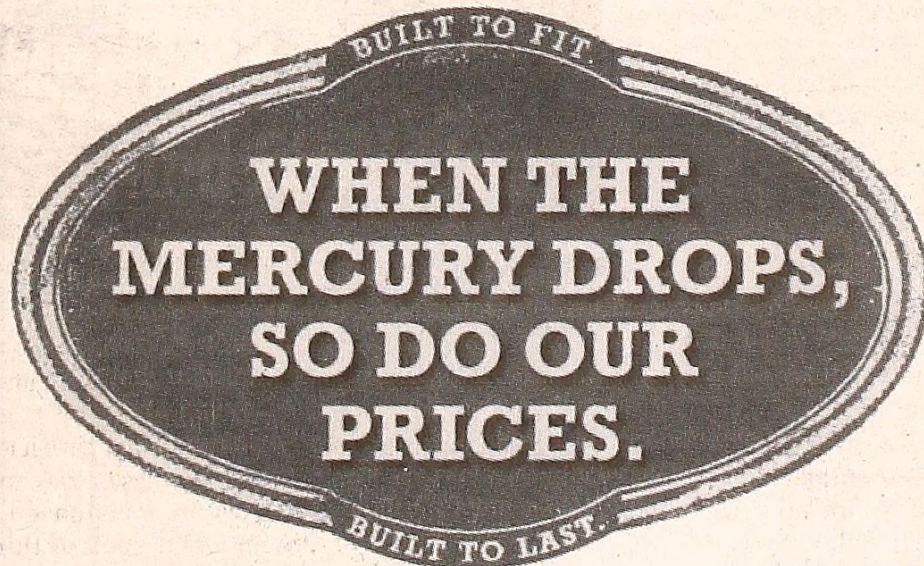
Jonathan Brown led Inkster with 13 and Kizer finished with 11. Green and Lewis each scored 10.

Inkster (7-4) will host Highland Park at 7 p.m. on Friday and head to archrival Robichaud at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

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SPORTS

Canton splits tough Walled Lake week

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs split their contests last week on the hardwood, finishing strong with a 47-45 win against Walled Lake Western on Friday.

Canton started off hot, taking a 19-6 lead at the end of the first eight minutes. They continued with a 13-point second period but Western added 16 to cut into Canton's lead. The Chiefs struggled some in the second half, scoring a combined 15 points between the final two quarters. Western added 23-10 in the third and 13 in the fourth—to make it a two-point spread at the end.

Western never took the lead but tied the game at 45. Canton's junior guard Ryan Langdon remedied that with a layup for the win, according to Canton coach Charlie Paye.

Despite the close ending, Charlie Paye said he likes the way the team played.

"The first half was probably the best half of basketball we've played," he said. "We shared the ball well but I think we let up in the second half."

Canton struggled from the line, hitting one two of 11 from the stripe. Steve Paye hit them both in the fourth quarter.

"Free throws have been our

I think this was a good win for us. It's always hard to play at Western; they have a smaller gym and it gets loud in there. And it puts us at 1-0 in the division.

Charlie Paye

Achilles' heel all season," Charlie Paye said.

Senior forward Andre Bridges led the Chiefs with 14 points. Junior forward Steve Paye added 10 with seven rebounds and junior center Ryan Waidmann knocked down eight with eight rebounds.

Western's Denard Branch routed Canton for 22.

"I think this was a good win for us," Charlie Paye said. "It's

always hard to play at Western; they have a smaller gym and it gets loud in there. And it puts us at 1-0 in the division."

Canton suffered a tough 64-54 loss at home to Walled Lake Central last Tuesday.

Central went on a 17-2 run in the first to take a 19-6 lead at the end of the quarter.

Canton outplayed the Vikings in the second, 13-11, but the first period damage was too much to overcome. Canton trailed 30-19 at the half.

Canton continued to play tough through the second half. They narrowed the gap to five in the fourth frame, but they couldn't get the job done.

Chris Farr nailed 22 points and Neil Mitchell 14 for Central.

Waidmann led Canton with 11. Senior forward Andy Larsen added nine and senior guard Rob Eppler and sophomore Neil Sharma each added eight. Bridges, Canton's leading scorer, was quiet on the night with five, all from the charity stripe. Steve Paye finished with six.

Canton travels to Franklin at 7 p.m. tomorrow and Wayne at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.



Northville junior co-captain Alvin Storrs (No. 31) drops in 2 of his game-high 16 points over Westland John Glenn junior Robert Jones (No. 21).

Mustangs

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on Tuesday, Feb. 14 when they host Walled Lake Central (8-1).

Northville parents hope to 'Pack the House' during those home games down the stretch.

"We want to fill the

Northville gym for the Franklin and Canton games," said David Kirkpatrick, whose sophomore son, Dan, plays on the varsity squad, "and then try to set an all-time attendance record for the Walled Lake Central game at Northville High School. It would be awesome if Bryan Masi had to stop selling tickets because there were no seats left for the game."

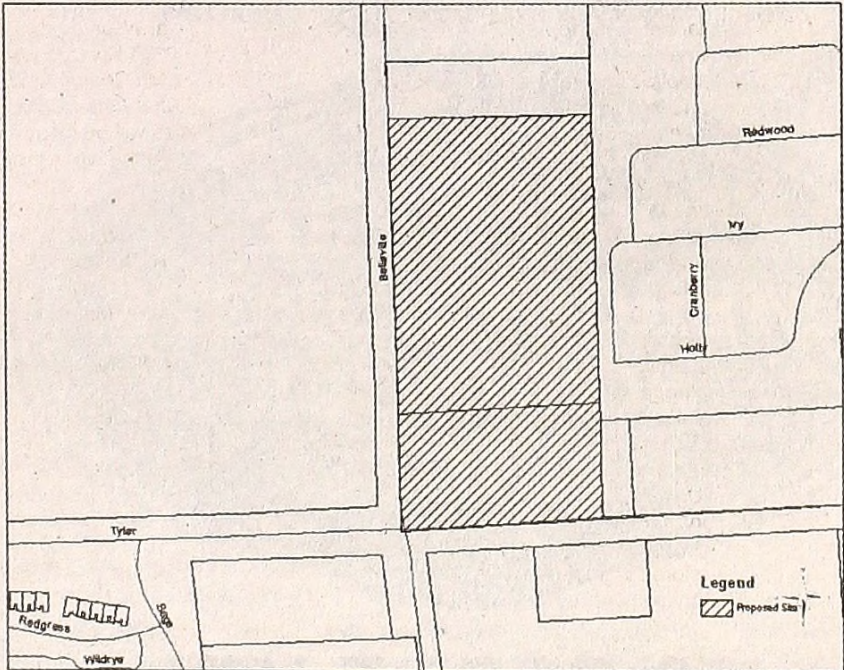
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday February 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-039-99-0009-715 and V125-83-039-99-0009-716 approximately 11.08 acres is located on the east side of Belleville Road on the NE Corner of Belleville & Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for drive thru facilities and an auto dealership in accordance with Section 12.03(d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., February 7, 2006.

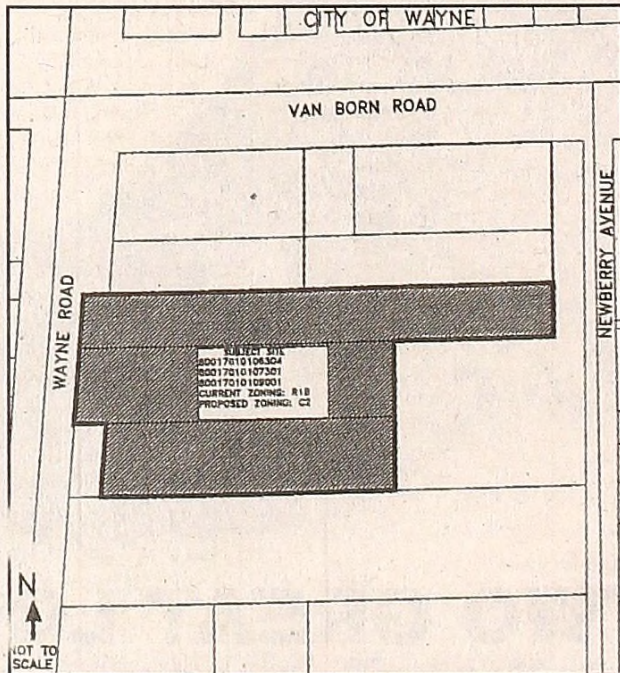
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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone 1.91+- acres of R1-B, Single Family Residential District property to C-2, General Business District. The subject property is located on the east side of Wayne Road between Van Born and Avalon Roads. (DP#'s 82-80-017-01-0106-304, 82-80-017-01-0107-301, 8280-017-01-0109-001). Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 22, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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UJDA, Chester J., MD. Dr. Chester J. Ujda died peacefully January 13, 2006 in Brookfield, WI at the age of 90. Dr. Ujda was born in Detroit, MI on September 24, 1915. He attended the University of Detroit and graduated from Marquette University School of Medicine in 1941 in Milwaukee, WI. Dr. Ujda was a much beloved general practitioner in Wayne, MI from 1942-1988. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anna and John Ujda, and his brother Bruno Ujda. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Lorraine, and their three children, John Ujda (Roberta) of La Crosse, WI, Patricia Toft (James) of Waukesha, WI, and Nancy Stanley (Richard) of Waukesha, WI. He is further survived by his sister Ann Koval, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He is remembered by all for his compassion and caring, his generosity, his wit and his fondness for singing. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and dedicated physician. We miss you "Poppo". A private memorial service will be held in Waukesha, WI. Memorials may be directed to St. Marys Church in Wayne, MI.

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Westland, MI 48185

Unit #164-Kolleen Koc
Tires, fans, mattresses

Unit #24
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Brenda McBride-Cloutier
Lawn mower, bike, spreader, record albums, snow blower, ladder, floor jack, turkey fryer, tool boxes

Unit #160
John Lee Marran
Stools, fishing rods, household items, chairs, clothes, bed frame, tables

Unit #114
Cleotis Broadnax
Microwave, tool box, bike, clothes, misc. boxes

Unit #127
Eugene Tompkins, Jr.
Dryer, hand tools, propane tank, end table, tool box, window a/c, tools

Unit #102
Ronald Worley
Dryer, microwave, TV, stroller, boom box, toys, misc. household

Unit #101
Dorothea Cole
Clothes, boxes

Unit #B90
Bianca U. Clayborn
Crib mattress, bed, misc. household

Unit #76-James Bond
Running boards, baby bouncer, baby swing

Unit #35
Jozette M. Underwood
Washer, dresser, mattress, box spring, chairs, misc. boxes

Unit #19
Daniel Graham
Chairs, ladder, table top, washer, dryer, lamps, boat motor, tools, camping equipment, fishing poles, misc. household

Unit #18
Dwane D. Young
Refrigerator/freezer, electric stove, gas stove

Unit #233
Edna L. Smith-Gordon
Mattress, luggage, picture, chair, tables, fan, book case, sofa, misc. household, boxes

Unit #37
Gregory A. Rakowski
Tires, engine lift, axel, transmission, car engine, small engine, misc. car parts

Unit #A90
Sarah Berry-Hill
Bike, table, chest, radio bug shield

Unit #123
Norman V. Underwood
Dresser, table, fan, dog cage, bed frame

Unit #232
Price Flemming
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:00AM
Fort Knox Self Storage
39205 Ford Rd., Westland (734) 981-0700
www.fortknoxmi.com

In order to satisfy liens for unpaid rent, Fort Knox Storage, in accordance with Michigan law, will sell to the highest cash bidder, the entire contents of each of the following storage units. All units contain common household goods unless otherwise noted:

Unit #535-B. Porter
Unit #271-M. Houston
Unit #297-J. Merritt
Unit #360-S. Zarzycki II (Unit #360 contains an older model Dodge Seabring and misc. garage items and tools)

AUTO AUCTION
Howard's Towing & Collision
35830 Van Born Rd.
Wayne, MI 48184
734-326-1114

January 31, 2006
1:00 PM
All Vehicles Sold "As Is" Cash Only

1989 Ford
2FABP74F5KX196233

2 Mini-cycles

1999 Pontiac
1G2WJ52K5XF223908

1983 Oldsmobile
1G3AC7708DK337729

1986 Ford
1FTHX251XGKB21676

1996 Ford
1FALP52U8TG147481

1993 Honda
1HGEG8541PL001616

1996 Hyundai
KMHDV14N3TU099511

1991 Lincoln
1LNCM9747MY712152

1984 Oldsmobile
1G3AR47A3EM449639

FORFEITURE VEHICLE

1995 Chevrolet
2G1WL52M3S1138677

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On JANUARY 31, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 300 S. Newburgh, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

988 Dodge Ram
PickUp Trk Red
1B7FD04X9JS795058

1992 Ford Probe
4 Dr Blue
1ZVPT21U2N5225398

1997 Dodge Intrepid
2 Dr Black
2B3HD46T6VH742228

The second auction will begin promptly at 10:30am at ACE Towing, 33032 Ford Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1996 Chrysler Concorde
4 Dr Purple/Silver
1C3HD56F6TF138440

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1995 GMC 620
Van White
1GTEG25K1SF544336

1990 Mercury Cougar
2 Dr Gray
1MEPM6041LH628212

1993 Chevy Lumina APV
SW Burgundy
1GNDU06D8PT121536

1992 Chevy Lumina
4 Dr White
2G1WP14X0N9108904

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:30P.M.
Pastor Earl Duncan
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28563 Pardo
Garden City, MI 48135
734-367-3029

1990 Chevy Camaro
2 Dr Blue
1G1FP23E2LL100766

1989 Olds Cutlass
2 Dr White
1G3WS14T8KD376181

1999 Dodge Intrepid
4 Dr Maroon
2B3HD56J7XH665554

1991 Ford F-150
PickUp Trk Red/Gray
1FTEX15Y1MKB33169

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after FEBRUARY 25, 2006 unless they are claimed by the owners prior to that time:

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G2HX53L0N1303660

1993 Chevy Lumina
4 Dr Silver
2G1WH54TXP121625

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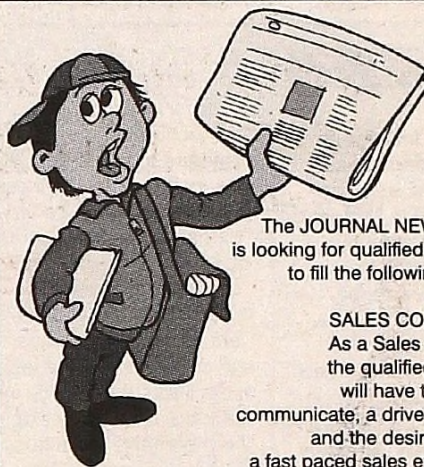
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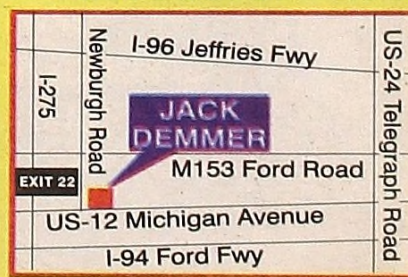
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